

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1314

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate Dr. Larry Parrott on the occasion of his fiftieth pastoral anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated church leader is Dr. Larry Parrott, who will celebrate his fiftieth pastoral anniversary with the membership of Calvary Baptist Church in Morristown on April 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parrott began preaching in April 1972 and has been the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church for nine years; he has proclaimed the gospel for fifty years as the full-time pastor for four other churches in Hawkins and Hamblen counties, served two years as interim pastor at First Baptist Church in Surgoinsville, and preached in many revival meetings; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Parrott and his wife, Jeanie, reside in Hawkins County, where they were born and raised; they are the proud parents of two daughters, Carrie (Jason) Hawkins and Katie (Fletcher) Tubbs, and the doting grandparents of Jackson Hawkins, John Isaac Hawkins, Jonah Hawkins, and Noah Tubbs; and

WHEREAS, after receiving an Associate of Science degree from Walters State Community College in 1974, Dr. Parrott earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Carson Newman College in 1976; he attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky,

from 1977 to 1980 and received a Master of Biblical Theology degree and a Doctor of Divinity degree from International Seminary in Plymouth, Florida, in 1985 and 1988, respectively; and

WHEREAS, his distinguished record of denominational service includes Carson Newman College Norton Institute from 2007 to 2008; Carson Newman College Advisory Council of Ministers from 2007 to 2008; Tennessee Baptist Convention, where he was named Small Church Pastor of the Year in 2007; Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention/Church Health Committee from 2003 to 2008; Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc., where he served as Chairman of the Board from 1995 to 1997; Constitution and By-laws Committee Chairman in 1978; Committee on Arrangements; Holston Valley Baptist Association Moderator; Nolachucky Baptist Association Pastors Conference President and Associational Vacation Bible School Director in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parrott was also a member of the International Corps Police Chaplains, Morristown Police Department from 2006 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and tireless service to others are also evinced through his extensive mission experience, which includes service in Jamaica in 1984; Venezuela in 1987; Michigan in 1988 and 1990; Clarksville, where he helped refurbish a sanctuary; D'Iberville, Mississippi, where he helped rebuild in 2006 and 2007; and Reynosa, Mexico, where he taught a seminary course in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Parrott has been instrumental in establishing a Hispanic congregation in the original Calvary Church Chapel as well as a Micronesian congregation, which meets in Calvary's Fellowship Hall; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Larry Parrott's commitment to God, his spiritual leadership, and his love for people, as demonstrated throughout his many years of service, are worthy of our respect and admiration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Dr. Larry Parrott our heartfelt congratulations upon the celebration of his fiftieth pastoral anniversary, commend him for his honorable service and spiritual inspiration, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.